

that you mentioned from the areas affected, but to all of us who want to ensure assistance gets to the people there. And while the tax provisions may well be important, they are longer-term impacts, and in some respects shorter-term impacts, that we would otherwise provide.

Lastly, Mr. Leader, if I can, can you perhaps give us a preview of the schedule for next year? It is our understanding on this side that the probability is we will not be returning until the 31st of January. Has that been decided? Can you confirm that and maybe give us a brief preview of what our schedule next month and the months thereafter in the year to come might be?

I yield to my friend.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank the gentleman for yielding, and before I go to that, I would like to say, and I would hope he would share my view of this, that while the Katrina supplemental is important and needs to be done before the end of the year, that also anything in the tax structure that encourages rebuilding, making a decision to get your business back in the affected area rather than stay somewhere else you may have moved to is also important.

I would not want our colleagues on the other side of the building to think that somehow the tax portion of this can wait until next year. They both need to be done this year, and we are going to work hard to see that both of those things get done this year.

We have worked this year well beyond our schedule to work in Washington. Members had every reason to believe before the August work period that they would be home now and would have been home for several weeks talking about what we have done and what we hope to do. But when we do go home at the end of the next working series of days we will be working, we would anticipate that the Members would not come back until the 31st of January, and the first votes for the second session would occur on and after that date.

Mr. HOYER. I thank the gentleman for that information.

ADJOURNMENT TO MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2005 AND HOUR OF MEETING ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2005

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday next, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2005, for morning hour debate.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McHENRY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR
WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON
WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Missouri?

There was no objection.

TRIBUTE TO CARROLL CAMPBELL,
FORMER MEMBER OF CONGRESS

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise in brief comment about a former Member of this House who passed away this week, Carroll Campbell. As one who came to this House with Carroll Campbell in January of 1979, I would say that if you were to draw a blueprint for an outstanding Member of Congress, you could do no better than to look to Carroll Campbell. Carroll Campbell served tremendously as the governor of his home State of South Carolina, but before that, served with great honor and distinction in this House.

Mr. Speaker, I can say that he was a man of great integrity. He was one that you admired in every aspect. I can recall him being the first Member from my side of the aisle south of the Mason-Dixon line who came out in support of the extension of the Voting Rights Act. He provided leadership in so many areas, whether tax policy, national defense or otherwise.

Carroll Campbell was a champion. Carroll Campbell left us far too soon, and we send our words, our good wishes, and our hopes with his wife and his children. This House is a greater place because of the service rendered to this House by Carroll Campbell.

IRAQ: COMMITMENT TO THE
CAUSE

(Ms. HARRIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to voice my support for our mission in Iraq and the global war on terror.

We stand at a critical juncture in the history of Iraq and in our own history. Do we ignore the steady progress toward democracy in Iraq? Do we hand victory to the terrorist insurgency on the eve of the historic December 15 elections? Or do we remain committed to the cause of freedom at home and abroad?

Our Nation already knows of the price of victory and how great it is, but the cost of failure would be far greater.

As Democratic National Committee Chair Howard Dean was engaging in

the politics of partisans and the demagoguery of doubters, I was visiting with our amputees in the Walter Reed Medical Hospital. These brave men and women know why we are fighting and why we must continue to fight. They know better than any of us why their brothers in arms have died fighting. Their sacrifices have been made in the name of freedom and in the pursuit of victory.

Not only is victory in Iraq possible, but it is within reach. Faced with long painful recoveries, these soldiers focus on the positive and what can be done and what will be done. We owe them the same.

It is not the time for retreat. It is the time for our Nation's civilian leadership to stand with them. Their sacrifice obligates us to demonstrate the same level of commitment and dedication to this cause of freedom. And each day as a Nation, we are more indebted to these extraordinary men and women with whom I visited.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2005, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Ms. WOOLSEY addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

TRIBUTE TO SERGEANT BILL
MEEUWSEN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. POE. Mr. Speaker, the three words from the official seal of the United States Army states: "This we'll defend." Sergeant Bill Meeuwsen was a member of the Army and he died carrying out this motto, defending the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Sergeant Bill Meeuwsen. He was truly a remarkable person. Bill was born in Mount Vernon, Washington, on February 10, 1981, and when he was 10 years old, he and his family found their way to southeast Texas and moved to Kingwood, Texas. He attended Kingwood High School, one of the finest high schools in this country, and he graduated in 1999.

He went on to Texas A&M University, and he and some of his friends enlisted in the United States Army as a result of the attacks of September 11, 2001. His father Mike said "Bill strongly believed that we all share a responsibility to serve on behalf of God and country, to protect freedoms we all cherish so deeply." It was that sense of